

### **IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Please rewrite the paragraph on page 16, lines 1-12, as follows:

The counter substrate structure 43 includes a transparent insulating substrate 13a, a polarizing plate 19, a black matrix 17, color filters 14/15/16 and an overcoat layer 11. The polarizing plate 19 is attached to the outer surface of the transparent insulating ~~layer~~ substrate 13a, and the black matrix and the color filters 14/15/16 are patterned on the inner surface of the transparent insulating layer 13. The color filters 14/15/16 are colored in red, blue and green, respectively, and are partially laminated on the black matrix 17 so as to form the column spacers 41. The column spacers 41 are 4.0 microns high. The column spacers 41 are held in contact with the contact portions 4, respectively, and keep the gap between the active matrix substrate structure 46 and the counter substrate structure 43 constant. The overcoat layer 11 prevents the liquid crystal 10 from the colorant contained in the color filters 14/15/16.